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I pledge allegiance to
the flag of the
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and to the republic for
wich it stands, one
Nation under God, In-
divisible, with liberty
and justice for all.

I pledge allegiance to
the Christian flag
and to the Savior for
Whose kingdom it stands.
One brotherhood, uniting
all mankind in service
and love.

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WELCOME TO MCC - WASHINGTON !

The Elders of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches met on May 11, 1971 to formally approve the membership of the Community Church located in Washington, D.C. Members of their congregation had previously voted in a resolution to apply for membership into our denomination.

Blaine Oswald would like to invite the people who were in the Queen contest at the May Festival to a discussion at his and Jim's home. Members and friends of MCC only. For further information contact Blaine at 664-8008 or talk to him at Church Sunday.

The Privilege of Silence

READ PSALM 121

Bible Thought: ***"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night"*** **(Psalms 1:2).**

THE BATTLE CRY of the 1970's is "pollution!" Ecologists focus our attention on dirty water, sooted air and smog-covered sunsets, trash-filled landscapes and disappearing species. Yet, no pollution threatens man more than noise pollution. A six-year study at the University of Tennessee showed a steady decline in the hearing of a selected group of children who live in our noisy world. Predictions say that city noise will double in ten years.

Dangerous as noise may be to man's outer ear, noise pollution also threatens man's inner self. Living amidst a constant din (droning TV's, clanging dishwashers, whirring mixers, blaring stereos, clacking typewriters), we lose touch with our real selves, our values, and even our God.

One thinker wrote, "A seeker of silences am I, and what treasures I have found there." In silence our spirit quietly attunes itself to divine order. In silence our meditation most directly and intimately encounters God. In silence we serenely contemplate the majesty of a rose or the dawning of day.

Hymn: "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple."

Loving Father, still the tempest of our souls by opening our hearts to thy silent presence throughout creation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

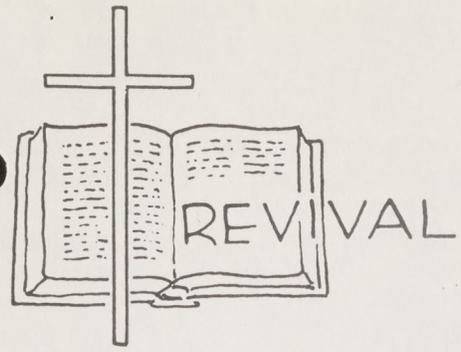
—GARY RAYBURN

THE UNSUNG HEROES OF MCC

There are many jobs one can do in this Church that get all kinds of recognition, if that's what you want out of life. But for the individual that feels he or she really wants to serve his fellow man and cares not that the world knows of his work, we have a special place for you. You are an unusual breed of person who is dedicated to the betterment of all man. You are one who thinks of others first and yourself last. You are one who will answer the call of anyone in need. WE NEED YOU IN PERSONAL SERVICES.

Personal Services is many things. It is working with people who need counseling. It is arranging for welfare services and giving advice to those who need someone who cares. It's working on the 24-hour crisis line to be there when someone is in desperate need. It's all these things and more; it's reaching out to do GOD'S work, knowing that only you and God really know the good you are doing. If you feel the call to do God's work, maybe this is the place for you. We would love to have you join us.

- Bill Thorne



"A BLESSING FROM GOD" ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

I should like to comment on the Sunday Night Services of the past Sunday, May 23, 1971. Ron Hayes delivered an excellent sermon on "What God Wants Us To Do." Hearing this sermon one would have to agree with Rev. Perry when he stated that this young man is really a "Minister and a half." To have him working on the side of MCC is truly a blessing from God. Having been a missionary in Peru really was an asset for him and now for us. His work is just as badly needed in the Jungle of our cities as the jungle of Peru.

For those of you who have not attended the Sunday evening services, you have no idea what you are missing. True, they are less formal than the morning worship services, but it gives so many people delight to know that this gives a person a chance to really make a loud noise in the name of God. If there are any of you out there that really want to get your battery charged up but good, join us any Sunday evening and find out just how rewarding it can be.

It is very true that in our building one can feel the Spirit of God, all around us. Many people comment on this, but they neglect to say that the way it really comes into that building is in the hearts of the people who are present. The inner peace and warmth are really contagious to those who come in and don't already know the feeling. Therefore, each time the services are over and all these people go out into the world, I'm sure there are a few more people with this feeling within them, and they go out into the world and live as Christians and search for someone else to share this feeling with. God knows and so do each and every one of us that there are certainly enough people around that are in search of peace but don't know how to come by it.

In closing, I would just like to say I thank God for giving Rev. Perry the inspiration for MCC, and what's more, I thank Him for the way he has shown us all that He is with us every moment of every day. Stop and think, are you doing what God wants you to do? Are you loving others the way God loves you? I doubt that everyone is, but it sure wouldn't hurt one bit if we all would keep trying. There is room enough in Heaven for all of us, you know, so why not take as many as possible and help show them the way?

Yours in Christ,
Ted J. Sweet

Sunday evening services on sunday next, June 6th at 7:00 PM will be one of the greatest treats ever.

The internationalyfamous "WINGS OVER JORDEN" Gospel Chior will be here at MCC to sing for you. Thier will also be other well known soloists.

This will truly be a blessing in song so DON'T MISS IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Religion should be the motor of life; the central heating plant of personality; the faith that gives joy to activity, hope to struggle, dignity to humility, zest to living.
-William Lyon Phelps

Number 3

HORIZONTAL — No. 3

1 One of the Disciples—a fisherman
5 Capital of Syria
12 Metals
14 Father of Sheba, who revolted from King David's army. (II Sam. 20 : 1)
15 Peacock butterfly
17 Worthless—term of reproach in the time of Christ. (Matt. 5 : 22)
19 Telurium
20 For example
21 Female of the fallowdeer—native of Palestine
23 Roman household gods
25 Variant of oath
26 Priest—"a ready scribe in the law of Moses"
28 A woman was made of this
29 Woody plant—created the third day
30 Whence the wise men came
32 City in Canaan taken by Joshua. (Josh. 7 : 2)
33 Means of travel in modern times
35 The bride in the Song of Solomon. (Song of Solomon 6 : 13)
37 Note
39 Jewish word signifying fountain—used in formation of Proper names
40 Ancient stringed instrument
42 Above
44 Son of Benjamin. (Gen. 46 : 21)
46 Is worthless when the savor is gone
48 Color, "in the sky denotes fair weather." (Matt. 16 : 2)
49 Mingled
51 Impair
52 Mighty man of war, of the house of Benjamin
53 Debtor
54 Threshing floor beyond Jordan where Joseph mourned his father
56 Pronoun
57 Same as Isaiah
60 Stone (precious) used in Aaron's breastplate of judgment. (Ex. 28 : 20)
62 "More subtil than any beast of the field"
63 Cold

VERTICAL — No. 3

1 Unreasonable conceit that "goeth before a fall"
2 Preposition
3 Do wrong
4 True
6 Note well
7 Small birds found in Palestine
8 Chill
9 Exclamation
10 Natives of an island in the Mediterranean, "Who Titus said, "are always liars"
11 The heavens. (Luke 2 : 14)
13 Disfigurement
16 Exude
18 City of Judea, where lived a rich disciple of Jesus. (Matt. 27 : 57)
22 Ages
24 Initials of an English poetess
25 Conjunction
27 Son of Jacob and Zilpah
29 A Greek whom Paul addressed as "mine own son after the common faith." (Titus 1 : 4)
31 A wine measure or wine container
32 Distress. (Ps. 114 : 5)
34 Features of splendor. (Rom. 8 : 18)
36 A rock near Bethlehem, where Samson dwelt. (Judges 15 : 8)
38 Unwilling. (Micah 2 : 8)
41 A region between the Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea
43 Editor
44 Metric measure of volume
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47 Tendency
49 Scottish hillside
50 Sharp flavor
53 Downward inclination
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61 Roman numeral

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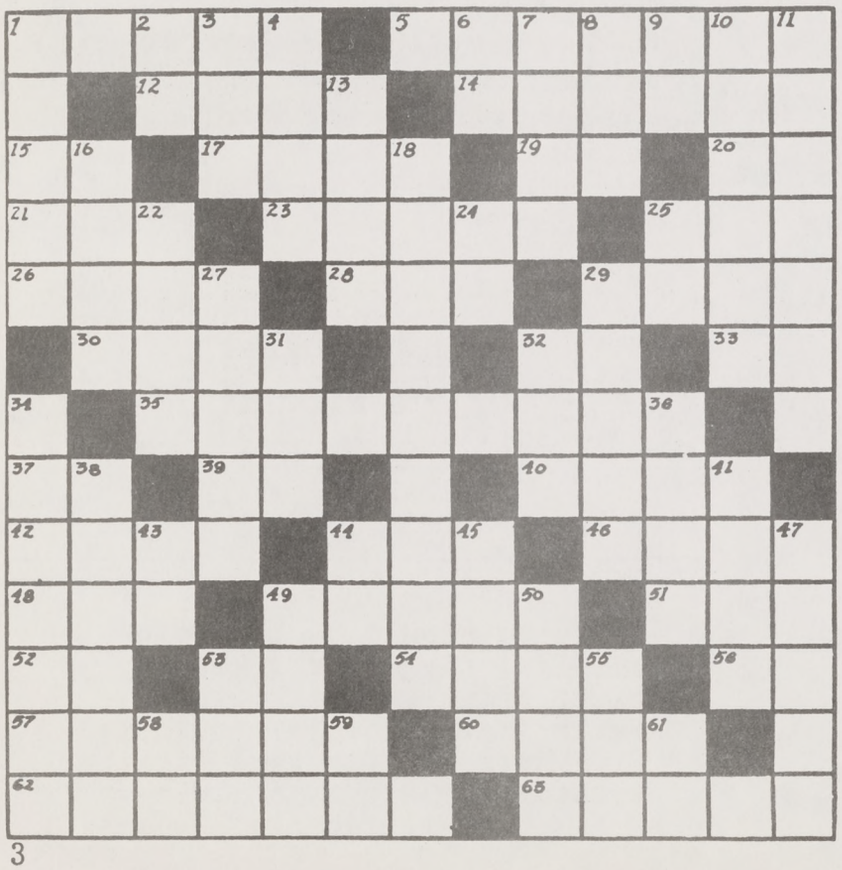
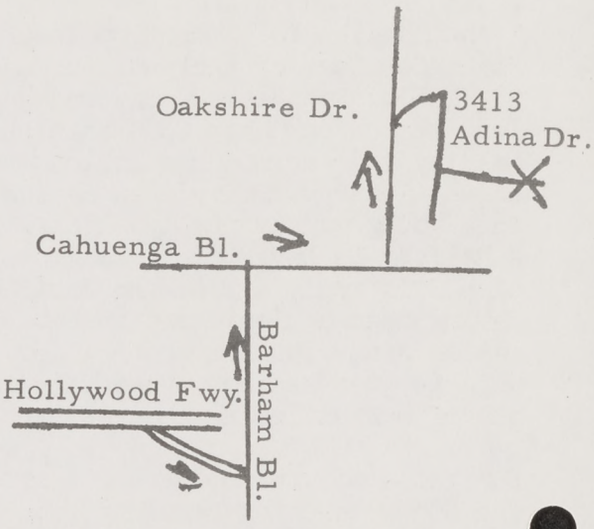


HOLLYWOOD PARISH
POOL PARTY ON JUNE 5TH

The next meeting of the Hollywood parish will be held at the home of Al Ojeda and Ray Aubrey in the Hollywood Hills Saturday, June 5th, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. This will be a combination pool party and BBQ. Please bring your own hamburgers and hot dogs, soda, etc., and your swin suits. Let's usher in summer with some good old fashioned fun and fellowship.



The Hollywood Parish is on the move. Why don't you get involved and put a little more joy in your life. Our last meeting Ron Rayes gave a fantastic show on Peru and the Amazon region. He took us from the very civilized city of Lima to the wilds of the jungle where the Indians are still head hunters and people often disappear. Ron lived in this region for several years and had many stories to tell.

The Hollywood parish is always looking for new and different programs to have. Please come and join us and share an evening of fellowship. We would love to see you.

- Bill Thorne

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

TESTIFICATION OF JOY

Today after Rev. Perry's sermon on JOY I must write this letter. Finding M C C last November was really the beginning of a whole new life for me. Finding M C C wasn't so difficult as I'd heard about "That Gay Church" and decided to give it a "whirl". Through M C C and the beautiful people in it I found God. I mean really found Him. That is JOY! As if that weren't enough, I was blessed with a better-half and I do agree with Rev. Perry when referring to my lover. He truly is my "better-half". Lee has made the time in his life so filled with love for God, as shown by working to become a minister via the seminary classes, singing solos at M C C-L A, M C C-S D, Costa Mesa. And now being able to give a fantastic sermon which he does, in addition to speaking at different schools and churches (thus educating hetrosexuals to our church and way of life). Being an exorter means some times counselling is needed by others or speaking at parish meetings. With all this he has still helped me become even closer to God. Working 45 to 50 hours a week at his job besides and he still has time for me. I can think of no better way to express my feelings and why I feel this way than in the M C C News. For him to do all this and only ask me for some understanding and patience, how could I ever even think of him as other than my "Better-Half"? I am truly filled with JOY! JOY! JOY! I wish everyone in the world could feel as I do. I know my God cares. My God Loves me. Rev. Perry, Rev. Hose, Lee and many more have shown me this, now it is up to me to try to reach others, with God on my side how can I fail?

Yours in Christ
Ted Sweet

A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything, and the value of nothing.
-Oscar Wilde

GOSPEL MUSIC LOVERS

The MCC Gospel Choir is reorganizing and has great plans for the future.

Can you sing? If you can, we need YOU! You don't have to have a fine solo voice to sing in a choir. We need all sorts of sounds. Are you a shower tenor, a bath tub baritone or a basement bass? Do you have a very tiny voice or a GREAT BIG VOICE? Again I say WE NEED YOU!

Singing in the Gospel Choir is a lot of fun with a bunch of fun people and its not too awful demanding of your time. The music is fun music and back to earth type.

We have had numerous requests to sing for other groups and churches. Our neighbors down the street at the Temple Methodist Church whose Celebration Singers entertained and inspired us are hot after the Gospel Choir to sing for them as soon as possible, plus Rev. Perry has had other requests. So let's get involved. . . WE NEEED YOU!

If interested, please contact anyone in the Gospel Choir or leave your name and phone number in the church office.

SPECIAL SALE

For one day and one day only. these autographed copies of the book "Sex and Astrology" by David Miles. Yes, books with the author's autograph and selling for a 25% discount of the list price. There are only a limited number available, so first come, first get at only $1.25 each. See the publications table right after church on June 6, 1971.

WHAT'S CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST?

In June 1969, there came a time in the City of New York, when our brothers and sisters got tired of being persecuted and rioted in the streets. I for one, wish to applaud their courage. Last year in June, we had a parade on Hollywood Boulevard. We had to fight for the permit with the great assistance of the ACLU. Up until the very last moment, the police told us we had to put up a bond of one and a half million dollars and a cash bond of one thousand five hundred dollars because they said the people would throw things at us and start fights, which they did not. But for once, Justice was on our side and we had our parade. We were supposed to have only one side of the street and we paraded from McCaden Pl. to Wilcox. There were one thousand two hundred counted participants in the parade and from riding down the middle of the on-lookers I would say about thirty thousand reviewed the parade. That was my COMING OUT PARTY FROM THE CLOSET.

And believe me, it is hard to express the feelings of freedom it gives you to be PROUD of yourself. I rode my motorcycle and people were very friendly. Two blacks on choppers who rode up to me just before the parade started and asked,"Hey Man, can we ride with you?" I said,"Sure c'mon." So, one said, "Well, we got our old ladies at home," and I said,"that's okay with me, I'm not prejudiced." And they rode along and really interested the crowd.

Some people say that a couple of the floats should not have been in the parade. I say that being free people, we can do what we want to, as long as we do not hurt anyone. That is what Christopher Street West is all about! If you think you would like a different picture presented to the public, then we would like very much to have you join us in the parade this year. It will be on Sunday the 27th of June 1971.

The formation will begin at 6 PM on Highland Boulevard between Sunset and Hollywood. The parade will start at 7 PM at Highland and Hollywood and will proceed down Hollywood on the entire street this time. And we are not only going as far as Wilcox, but on to Argyle. So far the church is having several floats.One is the King and Queen Float, which you heard about at the May Festival and the Main Float for the MCC Church will be 18 feet wide and 55 feet long. We are trying to get a San Francisco trolley car on wheels for the choir, and a musical marching group. So, anyone who plays a musical instrument and wants to be in the parade, please see me as soon as possible. The Deaf Group used Quinn's and my truck last year and they made a wonderful float. They are doing something again this year and we need as many people as possible to be in the parade. We also need people to help with the work. If anybody was at any time, a Drum Major and would like to be in the parade, please see me.

I've written this article to give you an idea what happened last year and what is going to happen this year, so that I can help you experience the wonderful feeling of freedom that I experienced last year. It is very important to our community and also a lot of fun. Yours in Christ, Spider.

JOB COUNSELLING AVAILABLE

Do you need a job? Many people do. Here at the Church we have job counselling available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. daily. Please feel free to call in for an appointment and let us help you get back to work. There are jobs in some areas available now.

Two jobs now available are: Experienced picture framer and a Processing Clerk (must be good at math), will train. For further info contact Deacon Bill Thorne.

We are always looking for people who have jobs open. If you know of any jobs open anywhere please call us. We have many very well qualified individuals, from engineers to cooks and general laborers. Please let us help you with your business while at the same time helping our community. Bill Thorne can be reached at the Church office, number 748-0123.

WINGS OVER JORDAN

Coming June 6th to the evening service is the Nationally famous "Wings Over Jordan" Gospel Choir. They and the guest soloists will thrill you with their wonderful songs.

MAY FESTIVAL REPORT

This past saturday evening was certainly an exciting evening for our church. Our community was given a social function that will not be forgotten for a long time. I like to think that Metropolitan Community Church came across with the social event of the year.

Top show business personalities came, and were thrilled to be among us. Judy Canova, Jay Robinson, Vega Maddox, Barbara Nicholss, and our very own Charles Pierce. Thank you for attending, and our church is proud that you chose that night to be with us.

We crowned our King and Queen that evening. Our King for 1971 is Dale Holland, and our Queen is the beautiful Mie Lie. Our King and Queen will be riding on our float during the Christopher street parade. So if our Royal couple and thier court will contact me immediately we will work on the final details of the float.

As you may know we have a prize for the person selling the most tickets. I want to thank this person for the work given in the contest. Dale Holland, thank you for the assistence given, and I hope you will join the social committee.

For a long time, I have thought our church could do the impossible and many times with Gods help we have, I feel we have done the impossible and have just given what I feel is the social event of the year.

I want to thank the many people in our church for the long hours put into this year festival. Thank you Crescendo's, for a fine performance. We are proud of you. Our sound department overcome large abstacles in co-ordinating the sound. The Factory, is the best place to amplyphy in. Thanks are also given to Lyle Page, Ron Hayes, Bob Baker, Foni DuBois, Bill Thorne, Leo Hunt, and our Youth Group, Kevin McCain, and Robert Dunn.

I Want to also thank our congregation for making it a success. In this issue of the News, you will find a complete financial report on the "May Festival." You support of the social functions, and the help in making our church grow entitles you to know where money is spent in my department.

As you know, our birthday (Church) is soon and we are already working on it. If you think our May Festival as great, you are not going to believe the church birthday party. This will be a dinner dance, so make plans now to attend. More details in a later issue.

On August 31st, and July 1st, our church is going to have a special function that has never been tried. We are going to hold an old fashioned carnival, and country fair. I am asking every parish, church organization, and discussion groups with-in our church to start planning on having a booth. We will have rides, and just two days of old fashion fun.

I want to have arts and crafts booths, many games, and the special talents that are community are well know for. So lets start working on this. Of course all food and beverages will be handled by the social committee.

For this function, all areas of the church, and the vacant lot, as well as the street will be used. Anyone wishing to join in the planning of this function are invited, and can contact me through the church office or at my home. (664-3940)

Bill Bennett

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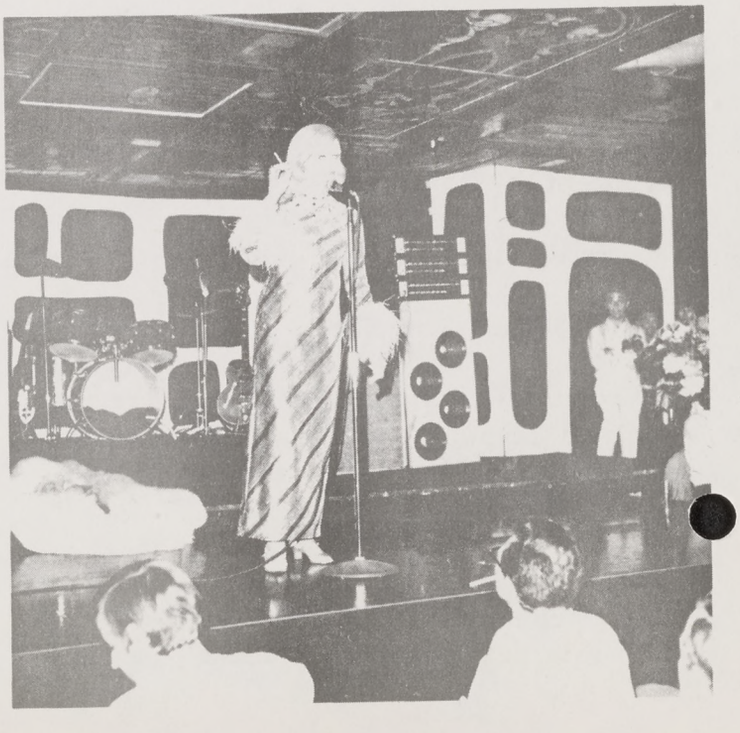

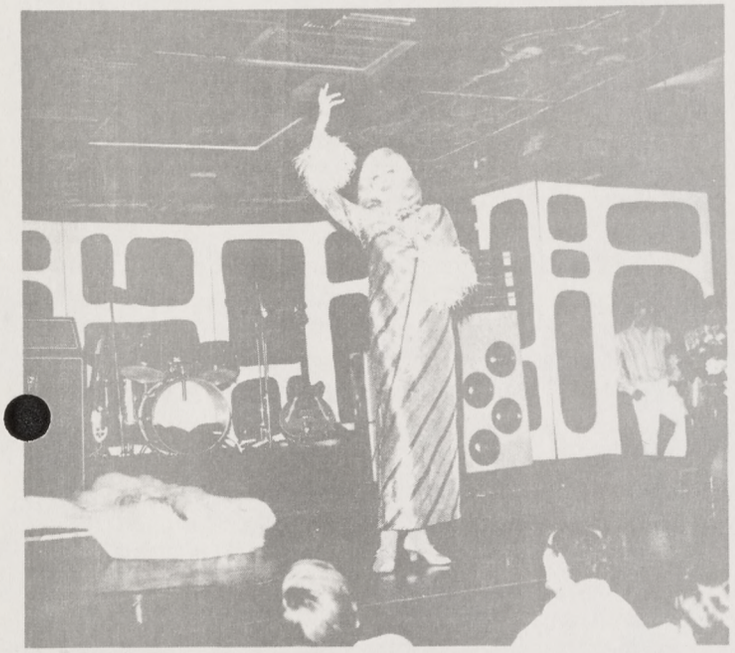

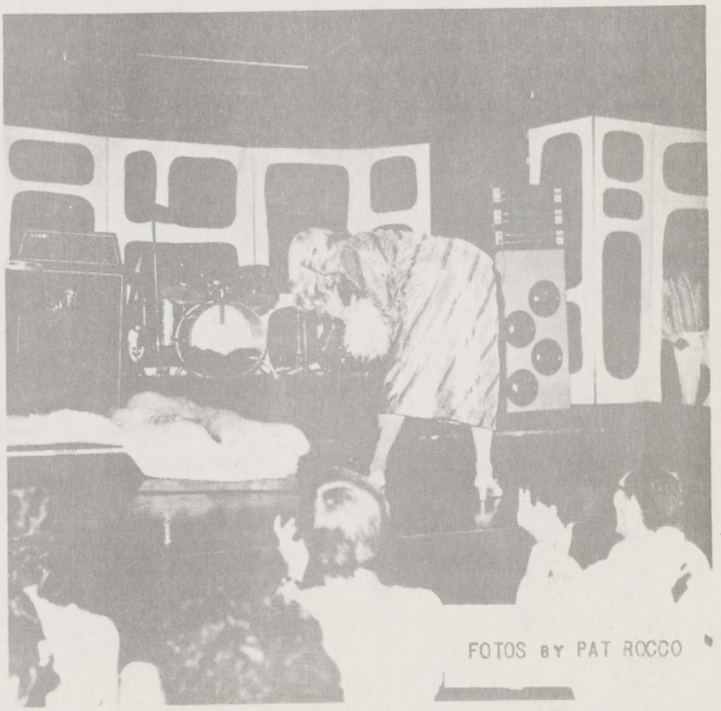

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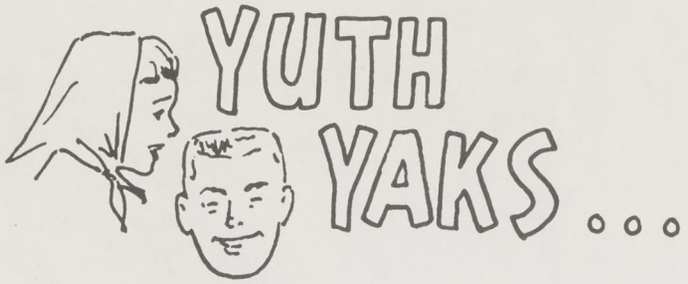


THE KOOL-AIDES YOUTH GROUP

Well, M.C.C.Y.G. is a year old now. Boy, how time flies. Last Sunday we celebrated our anniversary with (get this) an authentic "International Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner". You got that? We had a little bit of everything, from Lasagna to some nice cornbread made by yours truly. Some of the guests on hand were Pat Vestal (you devil you!), Uncle Willie Smith (alias Flying Nun),Howard Coburn (Sweet thing) and Bob Yowell (Wow!).

And Rev. Perry (who needs no introduction). There was also some fine entertainment by ONE, Mr. Carlton.

Well, that's old news. Here's some new stuff. We're looking for our next Youth Group sponsored Dance. There's going to be some live entertainment, some singing and dancing. And get this, a "box" sale that you will not want to miss, take it from me. All these goodies are coming June 12th, so mark those calendars and get those pennies together.

Don't forget, now, our meetings are every 1st and 3rd Friday and 2nd and 4th Wednesday's are our Rap Sessions. Our only requirement is that you be from age 13-20 and want to have lots of fun.

I would like to congratulate and thank all the beautiful people who worked to make the 3rd annual May Festival a smashing success. I think all the Youth Group members join me in saying it was indeed a night to remember.

Well, that just about wraps it up for this week, all you folks stay sweet.

Ray Hicks MCC Youth Group, Secretary

MCC YOUTH GROUP HAS BIRTHDAY

Exactly one year and one week ago the first meeting of the MCC YOUTH GROUP was conducted, with five people in attendance ... a meager start for something that was to grow and blossom into something beautiful.

Conception of the idea for a gay youth group came from our past president, Tim Leming. With Tim's push, drive and personality, the youth group progressed from a glimmer in someone's eye to reality. In the beginning the group grew under the guidance of Liz Greco and Tina Aula, but in time our numbers increased and the decision was made to establish the position of Co-Sponsor. At one meeting suggestions were taken for possible candidates for male co-sponsors. It was decided that to pick the best possible people, we would have to meet and get to know these people. It was arranged that the candidates and the youth group would spend a Sunday afternoon together at Farrells Ice Creme Parlor. The final outcome came about after the Board of Directors approved our choice for co-sponsors. The approved choice for co-sponsors were George Carr and Lee Sharp. Thus began the new start for the MCC YOUTH GROUP.

Parties, beach trips, brunches and dances are among the many activities designed to attract and interest other persons between the ages of 13 to 20 into joining us in fellowship with persons our own age and to build a closer relationship with our God.

The purpose for this youth group is to instill in each member a love for God, for life and for one another.

It is our hope that as we begin our second year our youth group will gain more members, more social activities and to bridge a closer contact with our God. All this we ask in God's name.

- Al Ojeda, Moderator

YOU CAN HELP

It is a fact. Homosexuals have a much higher rate of alcoholism than the rest of the population. Take comfort from the knowledge that there is help available for the alcoholic. The rate of recovery from active alcoholism, among those who accept help, is now higher than from any other chronic illness.

If the one you love is an alcoholic, the first thing you must accept is that alcoholism is an illness. So remind yourself over and over again that, the alcoholic is a sick human being.

Once you have accepted as fact the idea that alcoholism is a sickness from which the compulsive drinker can find release, you will have no reason to be ashamed of the alcoholic, no reason to condem alcoholism.

You can help bring about recovery. Dismiss everything you think you know about alcoholism from your mind. Learn the facts and forget what you have guessed about alcoholism and what your friends have told you, that they have also guessed.

You can get first hand knowledge from recovered alcoholics by attending their open meetings. Don't hesitate because you feel you're a stranger. You can discuss your difficulties freely with the people you meet there.

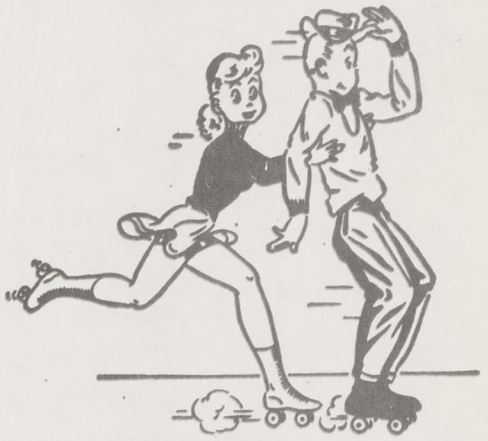
Deep within, every suffering alcoholic wants to be rid of this terrible burden. If you know what to do when your alcoholic friend is ready to be helped, you can help him avoid most of the pitfalls that can slow the recovery from active alcoholism.

The way ahead is not always easy, but it is full of rich rewards in a full and satisfying life for you and the one you love. Be encouraged in knowing, that the homosexaal is not only more susceptible to alcoholism, but chances are that homosexuals recover faster and easier.

YOU <u>CAN</u> HELP

Without your help there might never be a recovery. To find out where you can get all the facts please call:

MCC Crisis Intervention Center
Phone: (213) 748-7176
or
Alcoholics Together:
Phone: (213) 664-8008



Everyone who has attended MCC for very long knows of the Chancel Choir's famous skating parties. Here is another place you will find a helping hand (If you should fall).

The big night is June 7th at Hollywood Roller Rink.

Sorry people, we do have to have advance sales in keeping with contract agreements. <u>No Tickets are sold at the rink</u>. So the last day to purchase tickets is June 6th which is the Sunday before the party. There are tickets at the Church office and people will have a booth before church and after.

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WHAT THE LORDS PRAYER MEANS TO ME

Each Sunday, at the end of the morning prayer we are asked to repeat "The Lords Prayer", and I'm afraid that that is just what we do- REPEAT.

I've felt this for sometime within myself and I've decided to re-examine what the prayer means to me.

For whatever value, the following is my renewed thoughts on "The Lords Prayer".

OUR	not mine nor yours, nor theirs; but OUR, regardless of sex, race, creed, color or sexual preference.
FATHER	not our brother, sister, aunt, uncle, daughter, son, mother, friend or foe, but FATHER
WHO ART	He is NOW, not something past or future, but he IS.
IN HEAVEN	we know where He is and He knows where we are. Heaven can be within each of us if we but fill our hearts with His Love.
HALLOWED BE THY NAME	remember the word - Hallowed. It used to be just that. How sad that for some of us tend to forget that His name is Hallowed and is not to be used lightly or irrevently.
THY KINGDOM COME	our God's Kingdom, not our own 'personal ego trip' where we sometimes tend to put 'I' instead of "Thy". God's Kingdom IS HERE AND NOW.
THY WILL BE DONE	Every moment, mistake, success, joy, sadness, accident, fortune, sunshine or darkness is done because it is God's will and that through Faith in Him everything will be put into its proper spot within our lives. God knows that it is right.
IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN	His Love and Truth is everywhere. Remember to judge not lest ye be judged.
GIVE US THIS DAY	each day we have another opportunity to correct the mistakes of the day before and to make a friend where before there was an enemy. Let each day be one of praise and glory unto God.
OUR DAILY BREAD	we have earthy needs to be filled daily, but we must work for them. How much sweeter the bread will taste if we receive it not as a gift but as a reward for work 'well done'.
AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS	we all have a tendency to forget what we owe to God and will willingly overextend our bank accounts so that we can go to that "special" sale down the street. The only real debt we have to fill is to make sure that God's word is heard throughout the land.
AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS	how many of us can really say that we "forgave". We must forget also. If GOD can forgive us, can we not also forgive?
AND LEAD US NOT TO TEMPTATION	sometimes I feel that we are tempted too easily. Could it be because we have forgotten what HIS words really mean to us. Let's one and all re-

examine what the BIBLE is trying to say to us.

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL — the evil that man encounters is oft times that of his own making. If we follow GODS way we will be delivered from evil.

FOR THINE IS — "IS"--meaning NOW, EVERMORE, ETERNAL.

THE KINGDOM — the "only" way to fly. There's no other trip quite so great nor quite so rewarding as GODS trip. With this going for us, who needs any earthly drugs.

AND THE POWER — faith CAN move mountains -- look at MCC.

AND THE GLORY — Oh how great it is to sing praises unto the Lord and to live in his light and love FOREVER.

FOREVER & EVER — and ever, and ever, and ever; never dying, never tiring, always there when we need HIM.

AMEN — If you LOVE the LORD and your fellowman, can you say, AMEN?

Love to all, Dick Durant

A special note of thanks to: MARTY SENECA for the many hours of typing and hard work on the MCC News and In Unity.

Beauty is the only thing that time cannot harm. Philosophies fall away like sand, and creeds follow one another like the withered leaves of Autumn, but what is beautiful is a joy for all seasons and a possession for all eternity.

-Oscar Wilde

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is oftentimes called Decoration Day and celebrated on May 30 (this year it is May 31) honoring the memory of America's servicemen who have died in the wars. It is a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and most states, and for all federal employees. Originally, the holiday was only observed for veterans of the Civil War.

The observance of Memorial Day began unofficially during the Civil War when, it is believed that Cassandra Oliver Moncure, a Virginian woman, selected May 30 to honor soldiers that had fallen in the Civil War. In 1868, General John A. Logan, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, called on its members to decorate the graves of Union soldiers on May 30. The practice was later extended to honor fallen servicemen of all wars.

Some Southern states observe April 26, May 10, and June 3 (instead of May 30) as Confederate Memorial Day. In Florida, May 30 is called Memorial Day for Veterans of All Wars. Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi observe April 26 as Confederate Memorial Day; on May 10 it is observed by North and South Carolina. Kentucky, Louisiana and Tennessee celebrate June 3 as Jefferson Davis' Birthday and sometimes call this day Confederate Memorial Day.

-Kathy Laine

OUR GANG - STEPPING OUT

Soft lights, glowing candles, and pink wine greeted the members and their guests of the "Our Gang" as they entered the MCC Dining room for their monthly social meeting. On hand to greet them were Charles Eckhart, coordinator of the group, Les Nudelman and Chad Carlson. Tables were set by Cliff Ferguson in a triangle with leaf decorations and white "linen". Out in the kitchen Larry ReQua, Frank Beasley, and Victor Robinson were putting the finishing touches to the spaghetti dinner that was to be served.

Among the first to arrive were Rev. Perry and Steve Jordan,president of the Unidos, the organization for our Gay Chicano brothers. Close behind was Jim Bongard and his guests. Jim is a member of the Chancel Choir and has a very fine singing voice. Soon I heard a loud Amen and I knew immediately that Deacon Tom Purcell and his other half Director Don Hughes had arrived. Someone called my name and when I turned around I saw Andy Perez and Pat Cameron. These two were the ones who brought me to MCC and I have not seen them for a long time.

The spaghetti was done, the salads were on the table so we sat down. Rev. Perry said the blessing and everyone dug in and discovered a very good tasting spaghetti sauce which was made by Chad Carlson. After dinner Charles Eckhard introduced Rev. Perry who discussed the MCC movement from the beginning in the small livingroom in Huntington Park to the present. It was interesting to note that there were two "Howards" who were instrumental in starting our churches for MCC and they were Howard Welles in San Francisco and Howard Williams in San Diego. This is interesting at least to me since my name is also Howard. Rev. Perry also talked of the Christopher Street West Parade and the importance of the event. This day represents the turning point in the history of the Homophile Movement. This is when we really started coming out of our closets and letting the world know that we are not afraid anymore. Terry Lutin noted that there is a need to raise money to rent floats for the parade to really make it a success.

Discussion followed Rev. Perry's talk which we all enjoyed. This is the second time REv. Perry has been with us and we have certainly enjoyed it especially since this time Steve was with him. Also with us were two beautiful people wnich have graced us with their presence before and they were Patti Moffitt and Marie Woody, real girls. They always add a happy note to any occasion.

The food was good, the talk was interesting, and the company was pleasant and we all had a very nice time and the next time we hope you are there with us.

Howard Coburn

THE INTERNATIONALY FAYMOUS
"WINGS OVER JORDEN" CHOIR
WILL BE HERE AT MCC TO SING
FOR YOU AT OUR SUNDAY EVENING
SERVICES JUNE 6TH AT 7:00PM

A friend moved to another city and found the butcher in the local meat market very anxious to please. *"Do you mind if I trim off this fat before weithing?"* he would ask. Or he would deduct a few cents for meat with a lot of bone-waste. This went on for only a short period when suddenly the customer found he was paying for a wide margin of fat and what looked like dinosaur bones. *"You didn't treat me like this in the beginning,"*
"I know," the butcher replied smugly. *"The honeymoon's over. Now we're going steady."*

JOY!

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE MOTHER CHURCH.... AFTER THE MAY FESTIVAL

Sunday morning services on May 23rd were a bit quieter than usual, which is hardly surprising, considering the amount of Christian Fellowship that took place at the May Festival the night before. Even Willie Smith whom we've all come to regard as indestructible let a few indifferent chorouses go by without asking us to repeat them. He subsequently said that there was something wrong with his own voice. "Probably just too much May Festival".

Deacon Bill Thorne then read Corinthians 1-13 which I reread at home later. I particularly liked the phrase"...Love does not insist on it's own way." Holly, who has been the single, lonely female in the Chancel Choir, was absent today, but fortunately there was a new female Choir-member present.

May Festival King, Dale Holland led the procession of Choir Members down the aisles, appropriately, to the hymn "I Shall See The King."

Assistant Pastor John H. Hose Welcomed us, saying"...MCC is an unique spiritual experience; we hope you will reach an understanding with God and know he loves you and that he cares." Rev. Ploen then read to us, quoting from the Book of Psalms.

Rev. Ploen has such beautiful and poetic phrases: But memory is such a fickle gift that, although we leave elated over the general message, we sometimes can't recall any specifics! Today all I could recall were his words: "May you find this peace as you commune and companion with God." On Prayer: "We kneel before the, how weak, and we rise, filled with power! We feel we must ask for many things--More faith, gentleness, courage....Bestow upon us those Gifts that Perish Not."

Guests present today were Assistant Pastor Howard Williams of San Diego and about nine members of the San Diego congregation. Present from San Francisco was the program Director of THE GAY CROSS, the FM radio station in San Francisco serving our community, and Mr. Jack Campbell, Chairman of NACHO, visiting from his home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. Perry announced that Rev. Lou Loynes was in Dallas this weekend chartering our former Dallas Mission in his capacity as an Elder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

The choir selections this morning had such beautiful harmony and were unusually mellow.

Rev. Perry then went into his sermon, commenting on the joy people that we like are capable of arousing in our hearts. He lamented over individuals who occasionally are converted only to become sanctimonious and joyless.

He stressed the importance of putting others in our lives first, mentioning as an example, that the happiest lovers in our church always refer to one another as their 'better half'. Many other examples followed; his closing prayer urged us to seek humility.

The Crescendos then sang---they had done such a fantastic job the night before; I was truly impressed by the professional performance they turned in at the May Festival! They must have all been as tired as the rest of us this morning. But turned in another splendid performance.

Our Pastor was assisted at Communion by Deacon Tom Purcell. Assistant Pastor John Hose was assisted by Deputy DEacon Ralph Parham. Rev. Ploen was assisted by Deacon Bill Thorne.

Al Correa

LONG BEACH PARISH NEWS

Our parish held its general meeting and Bible Study on May 19th and Debate on May 26th. The topic of the debate was: "Should Gays Protest?"

Our turnouts are fair, but we know there are more people in and around the Long Beach area that we would like to see. Come and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship that we all enjoy in our parish and our Church.

To attend the 2nd and 3rd meeting, you will need a can of food per person for the Deacon's Closet to enter! So DON'T FORGET ... Let's help those brothers and sisters that need it to get over that rough spot.

Our Church Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 31ST	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
TUESDAY, JUNE 1ST	7:00 P.M.	NORTHEAST PARISH
	7:30 P.M.	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL Home of Lyle Page, Phone: 886-7896
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2ND	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 P.M.	WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING Main Sanctuary
	7:30 P.M.	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL Home of Lyle Page, Phone: 886-7896
	8:00 P.M.	LONG BEACH PARISH Leonard McKeys, Phone: 434-1060
	8:00 P.M.	COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEAF CLASS Instructor: Dale Dyal, Phone: 664-1246 1243 No. Virgil, Apt. 9, Hollywood
THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD	7:00 P.M.	MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA In Church Parlor
	7:00 P.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 P.M.	GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:30 P.M.	YOUTH GROUP MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH	12 - 4 P.M.	HOLLYWOOD PARISH POOL PARTY See story in news letter for details
SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH	9:00 A.M.	COMMUNION SERVICE
	9:30 A.M.	THE ACADEMY CLASSES "What the Bible says about Homosexuality" Introduction to the Old Testament
	10:00 A.M.	NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED Meet in the parlor.
	10:30 A.M.	SINGSPIRATION
	10:30 A.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	10:45 A.M.	SUNDAY SCHOOL - SEMINARY CLASS ROOM Steve Jordan, Teacher
	11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
	2:00 P.M.	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL In Church Parlor
	7:00 P.M.	EVENING SERVICE "Wings Over Jordan Gospel Choir"